

**From:** rosoy  
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**To:** Briel, Ron  
**Subject:** Certified Surgical Technologist 407

Dear Mr. Ron Briel,

I wanted to take the time to ensure you the need for Surgical Technologist to be Certified and Licensed. I graduated from Southeast Community College in Surgical Technology program in March of 1990. I studied diligently to take my test on September 15th, 1990 to be a Certified Surgical Technologist. I have maintained my Certification as a Surgical Technologist for 25 years this September and plan on maintaining it until I retire.

I did end up going to nursing school and stopped my nursing in April 1999 to take care of my mother with ovarian cancer. After my mother passed away in June 2000 ... I decided I didn't want to be a nurse and I would have lost money going to a new nurse salary. I also dearly love to scrub in surgery.

At Methodist Hospital here in Omaha. Nurses only scrub on the heart team and I being a Certified Surgical Technologist I trained these nurses to scrub. They didn't receive any surgery scrub training in school at the time. They were only allowed to observe surgeries for three weeks during their nursing school. Some nursing schools only have a couple days of surgery observation.

On February 2nd, 2015 I had to have emergency surgery. With the help of my boss. I was able to quickly assemble my team. I chose a Certified Surgical Technologist of 35 years and a nurse that has been working for 20 years in surgery. I wanted a team with impeccable sterile technique and surgical ethics. I could not afford to take anymore time off or afford the cost of another hospitalization.

I was fortunate to have the ability to choose my team. My Surgical outcome was excellent and wounds healed perfectly with the techniques I not only learned in school. But techniques I have learned from continuing education and maintaining my certification.

I take pride in being a Certified Surgical Technologist. I know when I walk into that operating room or when I go to the floors to help the nurses to dress a wound or help a surgeon with a minor surgery. I have a Code of Ethics to follow and every patient I come in contact with is treated with the upmost Sterile Surgical Care by maintaining Surgical Technique and up to date cutting edge Surgical skills.

Everyone who enters an operating room should be confident to know their instruments and supplies are sterile and maintained sterile through their entire surgery. That their surgeon after many hours of tireless working has NOT left a sponge or instrument in their body. Everyone should feel confident they have a Surgical Technologist that is Certified with a surgical conscious to be a patient advocate making sure everything goes smoothly while they are under anesthesia.

I was fortunate to have the ability to have and Amazing Surgical team. So I ask you from the bottom of my heart.. Please consider voting so that in the State of Nebraska, we have Certified Surgical Tecnologists in every operating room. A patient no matter there social standing , who they are related to, whether they have insurance or medicare.. Everyone should have the same impeccable Surgical care that comes with being a Certified Surgical Technologist and maintaining that Certification with Continuing Education hours.

Thank for your time and I look forward to hearing from you on your views in this matter.

Sincerely,

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